



The League's Prosperity Agenda – The Transportation Piece





Michigan Prosperity League
Where Prosperity Happens

Our Goal



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To create the kind of Michigan we want . . .

- With places people choose to live, work, learn and play
- Where prosperity happens (high income and low unemployment)

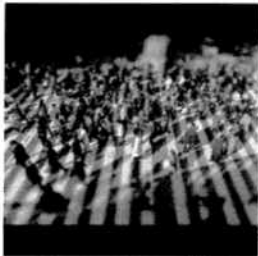
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*"The industries I think about most ... are far more sensitive to the quality of **TALENT** in the **AREA** than they are to tax policies."*

- Bill Gates




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Prosperity happens . . .

- Where high concentrations of college educated, talented and creative people live.
- These same people can choose to live, work, learn and play where ever they want.
- Metro areas and central cities are key.

Name This City . . .



Tokyo? LA? Rio? Beijing? Wrong!

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What Michigan can learn from prosperous cities . . .

- People choose places like Chicago, Minneapolis, Boston, Denver, Charlotte, Dallas, Austin and other communities that offer the lifestyle attributes and amenities they seek.
- These places offer ways of life attractive to talented, educated people.
- The public policies they have adopted are creating the prospering places Michigan needs . . .

Prospering Places Offer . . .

Significant Public Transit Systems

Buses * Light Rail * Commuter Rail * Passenger Rail * Driving Alternatives * Extensive Networks of Bike Lanes & Walking Trails

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Vibrant Downtowns & Neighborhoods

- People live, work, learn, play and shop in close proximity
- Policies foster "walkable urbanism"

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Mixed-use Developments


- Buildings tend to go up instead of out
- People live, work and shop under the same roof

Prospering Places Offer . . .

Green Spaces

Parks * Trails * Gardens * Fountains

Prospering Places Offer ...



Thriving Entertainment & Cultural Attractions

Restaurants * Cafes * Bars * Book Stores * Dance Clubs *
Museums * Libraries * Theaters * Nightclubs * Live Music


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What is our Prosperity Agenda?

Prosperity Policies and Policy Actions so that together with the 95th Legislature, we can create places of prosperity in Michigan.



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Prosperity Policy:

Significantly expand public transit in Michigan.

TF2 Recommendations


- Increase Transportation Funding/Transit Funding
- Decrease use of Interdepartmental Grants (IDG's)
- Allow Locals road agencies the option of levying local transportation taxes to support local transportation projects
- Protect those portions of the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) that support local projects (Categories C & D)
- Protect that portion of the CTF that is "not constitutionally protected" from being used for the General Fund (i.e. auto related sales taxes)

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- Michigan Municipal League
- Transportation Riders United
- Detroit Regional Chamber
- MI Environmental Council
- Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
- MI Railroad Passengers Association


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Prosperity Policy:
Protect public safety and other essential local services.




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Prosperity Policy:
Use federal stimulus funds to restore local infrastructures first.



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Prosperity Policy:
Promote sustainable development, green initiatives and cultural economic development.



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➤ If Minneapolis, Denver, Chicago and Boston – can you say snowy and cold! – can have these places, Michigan can too.

➤ The public policies proposed in the Prosperity Agenda can help us create them.

➤ Together with the 95th Legislature, and with the Michigan Municipal League Prosperity Agenda, we can have the Michigan we want.

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➤ Prosperity Agenda in hard copy available

➤ Also available at mml.org

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